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The Common Cold

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According to the Director of Health and Wellness Center, Terry Dadez, R.N., the common cold is an illness caused by a virus.

The common cold begins when a virus attaches to the lining of a person's nose or throat. The immune system, the body's defense against germs, sends out white blood cells to attack this invader. Unless students have already had a clash with that exact strain of the virus before, the initial attack fails and the body sends in reinforcements. The nose and throat get inflamed and make a lot of mucus, which accumulates in the throat, mouth, and nose.

"[College students have a cold] up to 8 times a year," said Dadez. Students that have a common cold will have symptoms such as a scratchy or a sore throat, sneezing, stuffy nose, watery eyes, and mucus draining from the nose into the throat. More severe symptoms, such as high fever or muscle aches, may be a sign of the flu rather than a cold.

"Cold and Flu can be similar, but with the flu, you will get a high fever, nausea and vomiting, and the flu deals with more with the respiratory system," said Laura Harvey, RN at the Health and Wellness Center.

Students can get a cold from another person who is infected with the virus. They can also contract the virus if they have touched a surface that has germs on it, such as a computer keyboard, doorknob, or silverware, and then touch their nose or mouth. They can also catch it if they're near someone who is sick and sneezes into the air. Germs from the mouth and nose can fly into the air, where they spread and make people sick. This often happens when a person coughs, sneezes, or even blows his or her nose.

"Coughing and sneezing in their hands then touching objects that others will touch can cause the common cold to spread," Dadez said.

Students are infected by other illness that is common on campuses. Some are "Mono, Strep, Sinus, Infections, Allergies, Bronchitis, and Ear Infection," as stated by Dadez.

College students can also catch a common cold by staying up late and not getting sufficient sleep or not eating proper meals. Failing to take certain vitamins, such as vitamin C, can also heighten the risk of catching a bug. Exiting a cold atmosphere and then directly entering a hot atmosphere can also cause a cold.

College students are more likely to catch a common cold if they are tired, under emotional distress, have allergies, or have less vitamin C in their blood stream. With so much of their energy directed at fighting the cold virus, they are left feeling tired and miserable.

"College students catch a cold when they first get on campus and after breaks," said Dadez.

"Students can stop germs from spreading if they always "cover their mouth and nose.".

There are many ways to prevent spreading the common cold around campus. Students should cover their mouths and noses with their sleeves or a tissue when they sneeze or cough. Students should also remember to wash their hands with plenty soap and water. After washing their hands, students should dry their hands with a towel or hand dryer, not on their clothes.

"Our preference is to have students avoid the cold by eating right and getting sleep and exercise, but we do want to help them take care of their needs for medical care," Dadez said. "Nurses are always free and a wealth free and a wealth of knowledge."

For those suffering from the cold should be sure to get enough sleep to, drink plenty of warm fluids, gargle with warm salt water to soothe a sore throat, breathe the steam from hot beverages and soups or take a hot shower to help reduce the nasal congestion, and avoid smoke and other irritants.

"Do not take antibiotics to treat the cold," said Harvey.

Some medications to take for the common cold are antihistamines, decongestants, pain relievers, cough suppressants and nasal strips.

Dadez and Harvey suggest that college students come to the doctor and get a regular check-up and, should they get sick, a prescription. Take note that prevention is better than cure.

Photo by Emily Kochanski

Cold and flu season is quickly approaching! Students can prevent the spread of germs by washing their hands frequently, getting plenty of rest, and using a tissue to cover their nose and mouth when they cough or sneeze.

Editorial

Would You Talk to Your Mother Like That?

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Sexual objectification of women is a growing dilemma that is occurring all throughout society today. From advertisements to the way we simply socialize with each other, we don't realize the effect it has on our view of women.

For those of you who may not know, sexual objectification is referring to a person as an object simply for sexual pleasure. So, it's evident why most women would not appreciate this.

Studies have shown that some men find objectifying women an easier way to seek gratification, although it is superficial. They claim that it is a safer way to get a woman because if too many feelings are involved, there is a chance of rejection and losing their "man card."

However, not all men are like this. In the end, it comes down to nature and nurture. It is in a man's DNA to be sexually attracted to other human beings, but it does not mean that they are conditioned to objectify women from birth. "Boys will be boys" is not an acceptable excuse for this behavior. It is known that the less cultured a man is, the more he sees women and the world around him as objects. A cultured man will appreciate a woman for more than just her appearance.

Women aren't off the hook in this issue either, though. Women are known to sit around gossiping about other women and essentially tear them down based on appearance. Little girls are brought up to always be conscious of their looks in public because "appearance is everything."

Companies target men to buy products by using women dressed in a sexual manner in their advertisements. If you look at just about any product intended for men, you can find an attractive woman there to sell you the lovely product that has nothing to do with her whatsoever.

Even products specifically for women use models that are severely photo-shopped and unrealistic in order to persuade women to buy from them in hopes of looking like the models.

This may just seem like a good marketing tactic, but it also has serious consequences for its viewers.

When constantly being persuaded with ads like these, men start to believe that all women should be seen as sexual objects solely for the purpose of their pleasure and that all women should have perfect bodies, hair, and skin, as well as big breasts.

On the other hand, women have to deal with very traumatic effects because of this objectification. Women are being held to a certain standard by these men and others in society to be the ideal and perfect woman. However, these images that are portrayed in society are so photo-shopped and unattainable that it greatly affects women's mental and physical health when they try to attain these looks.

Body shaming and anxiety become frequent occurrences as well as constantly feeling self-conscious and inadequate. This can even lead to depression and eating disorders once this fascination with looking perfect becomes and obsession.

Everyone needs to start standing up to those who sexually objectify women and challenge those who make remarks. Stop surrounding yourself with those who talk poorly about women and who objectify them and instead spread awareness and educate those who may not realize the issue at hand. Women need to stop stressing over how they appear to the public and focus on what makes them comfortable and feel good about themselves.

We all need to realize the cost of objectifying women and understand the toll it takes on those around us in order to put an end to it. Women aren't here for anyone's pleasure. Women are smart and driven and here to make a difference in the world. We are your mothers, your sisters, your cousins, your coworkers, your boss, and your CEOs. Show us respect.

Photo from Wikimedia Commons

More and more women are beginning to hold positions of power. These three women sit on the Advisory Board for the President's Economic Recovery.

Here's what you missed online this week at www.prideonlinedot.wordpress.com

Alien Planet has Two Suns

An alien planet is revealed orbits not one but two suns. To learn more about this and about the technology used in this discovery, go online.

Nintendo Announces a Switch

Nintendo announced the launch of a new console, the Nintendo Switch, in early 2017.

Uber and Lyft

Uber and Lyft are continually expanding their ride-sharing businesses; however, due to their continuing registration battles, they have been operating illegally in numerous cities, including Tampa.

A Location of Dissappointment

While previous Five Nights at Freddy's games have had the player remain stationary to monitor the animatronics, "Sister Location" does away with the usual survival aspect of five increasingly difficult nights.

The Spirt of the Law

Following Phoenix Wright's investigation of a murder in the fictional country of Khura'in, "Spirit of Justice" takes many twists and turns.

Saint Leo Visits Aquarium

On Nov. 5, students got chummy with Winter the dolphin during a trip to the aquarium.

The Coen Brothers Got Grit

Saint Leo hosted a special screening of the 2010 Coen Brothers film "True Grit" to kick off their upcoming panel.

Test Taking Gets Epic

On Oct. 14, students were introduced to a new and innovative way to take a test when guest speaker Tony Crider introduced his "Epic Finales."

A Night with Ben Seidman

On Nov. 14, the Saint Leo community fell under the spell of world famous magician Ben Seidman.

A Feast for the World

What better way to kick off the Thanksgiving break than with a feast?

The Chopstick Challenge

On Nov. 18, brave participants took on the difficult task of picking up pieces of candy...with chopsticks.

Life After Leo

"Life After Leo" shed some light on the prospects after graduation for Saint Leo's international students.

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Campus News

Saint Leo Gets Grateful

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Just in time for the upcoming holiday, the Saint Leo community was giving thanks. On Nov. 11, the Office of Community Engagement put on "Operation Gratitude" for Community Service Day, which involved making paracord bracelets to be placed in care packages which are sent to U.S. soldiers. The choice in community service was apt since the day coincided with Veteran's Day.

Operation Gratitude is a non-profit organization that sends over 150,000 care packages each year to new recruits, veterans, first responders, wounded warriors, care givers and to individually named U.S. Service members that are deployed overseas. According to the organization's website, their mission is to "lift the spirits and meet the evolving needs of our Active Duty and Veteran communities, and provide volunteer opportunities for all Americans to express their appreciation to members of our Military." Each care package contains snacks, personal items, hand crafted items, entertainment, and personal letters of appreciation.

Paracord bracelets were first placed in the First Responder kits and were one of the most important items that were included. They are not only a great accessory, but they also prove useful in emergency situations. These items could be a source of relief or convenience when the First Responders are out in the field. The bracelet got its name from parachute cord and can hold up to 550 pounds of weight while giving its user 7.5 feet of cord to use in an emergency. The quick deploy style of this bracelet takes only 30 seconds to unravel and can be used as sewing thread and fishing lines, to secure camouflage nets, make slings and splints, or even create harnesses.

The bracelets not only serve a functional purpose but have a deeper meaning for its wearers. They are one of the few exceptions to the uniform code and can provide a feeling of hope and appreciation for U.S. Army members. They are included in a custom-designed black pouch with items such as energy shots, protein bars, lip balm, anti-bacterial gel, pens, and pencils.

The event was held on the SAB Green in front of Kirk, where a tent with tables underneath was set up. The event saw visitors throughout the day ranging from members of Greek life and other students to faculty. Hard work was encouraged by the gifts that were available for completing bracelets. For every bracelet that was turned in, there was an opportunity to get a Saint Leo gear such as hats, water bottles, back packs, lunch bags, and T-shirts.

Cynnique Johnson, a sophomore biology major, said, "I really enjoyed making the bracelets; it was very relaxing, and a good opportunity to socialize. I also liked that we got a reward for the work in the end. I got a really cool hat."

The event had a great turnout overall. Hundreds of bracelets were made, and students got an opportunity to socialize and gain community service hours. Through their efforts, the Saint Leo community proved that there is no better way to celebrate Thanksgiving than by giving thanks to those who have earned it.

Photo by Danielle Meikle

The finished products will be shipped to Operation Gratitude who will send them out in the care packages.

Photo by Danielle Meikle

Students were rewarded for their efforts with gifts such as backpacks, hats, T-shirts, and more.

Photo by Danielle Meikle

The event was well supported by the Greek organizations on campus, and their members had the opportunity to earn community service hours.

National

75th Anniversary of Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

By Niclas Bez
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On Dec. 7, 1941, Americans and people around the world were affected by the attack on Pearl Harbor. On this day, the Imperial Japanese Navy executed a massive military strike on the Pearl Harbor United States naval base that was known as Operation Z. This attack led the United States of America to join World War II.

Prior to the attack the United States seized all oil exports to Japan in July of 1941 to stop Japan's military dominance in East Asia. In addition, the American military fleet was moved from the base in San Diego to Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, while forces were built up on U.S. military bases in the Philippines. With these strategic moves, the United States was the only thing that kept Japan its conquests of Asia.

In order to maintain their military actions in the Pacific, the Japanese military prepared the massive strike throughout 1941 that was planned for Dec. 7. On this day, the Japanese attacked U.S. bases in Pearl Harbor, the Philippines, Guam, and Wake Island. On top of that, they also had air strikes against bases of the British Empire in Malaya, Singapore, and Hong Kong.

Overnight, the Japanese moved six aircraft carriers 200 miles north of the island of Oahu to be in striking distance. Then, at the morning of Dec. 7, a total of 353 Japanese fighter planes, bombers, and torpedo planes took off in two waves and caused massive destruction. The attack destroyed the American battleships, 188 U.S. aircraft, while 2,403 Americans got killed, and more than a thousand got wounded.

The goal with Operation Z was to show the Japanese dominance in the Pacific Ocean and East Asia. According to Japan Today, Japanese Commander Yamamoto stated that he wanted a limited war and conclude with a peace treaty after inflicting serious damage on the United States. However, this did not happen and on Dec. 8 the United States declared war on Japan, according to the Armed Force Museum's website.

"Pearl Harbor was the event that compelled America to enter into World War II. Its impact is hard to overstate in that respect. There was growing sentiment for the United States to get involved in the allied effort, but after Pearl Harbor, it was a clear signal that the US should make the formal step to enter into the fray," said Frank Orlando, politics science professor.

President Franklin D. Roosevelt asked Congress to declare war after the attack. Congress had to vote on the decision, but after Japan attacked Pearl Harbor, it was a straightforward decision.

"When the US declared war on Japan, the vote in the Senate was unanimous. The vote in the House was 388-1. The only member of Congress that voted against war was Jeannette Rankin, the first woman elected to Congress from Montana. She happened to be a pacifist, and she believed that if she couldn't go to war, she couldn't send others to war. The uproar over her decision was massive among the public and her fellow legislators, almost everyone else believed that the action at Pearl Harbor necessitated a reaction. Franklin D. Roosevelt called for the war resolution in his famous 'Infamy' speech."

In his famous speech Roosevelt said, "Yesterday, Dec. 7, 1941, a date which will live in infamy, the United States of America was suddenly and deliberately attacked by naval and air forces of the Empire of Japan. We will gain the inevitable triumph, so help us God."

Nine hours before the U.S. declared war, the United Kingdom declared war on Japan due the Japanese attacks on Singapore, Hong Kong, and Malaya (now Malaysia). Also, only a few days after the declaration, Germany and Italy showed their commitment to the Tripartite Pact and declared war on the United States on Dec. 11. The Pact had previously been created between Japan, Italy, and Germany in order to limit U.S. interventions on global territory that affected the three countries.

Photo from @MaryG0401

Currently, there is a memorial museum on the USS Arizona on the island of Oahu that honors the American soldiers that died during the attack, with only five remaining survivors of the USS Arizona. Visitors need to take a boat from the naval base in Pearl Harbor.

In April of 1942, the United States Air Force started with small-scale bombings on Tokyo as a part of their Pacific campaign in order to regain territories that had previously been conquered by the Japanese.

In the same year, the U.S. joined the British forces in order to reclaim the French territories in North Africa that had been conquered by Germany. The North African Campaign took until May of 1943 to reclaim Algeria, Tunisia, Libya, Morocco, and Egypt. The Americans had lost over 18,000 troops in Tunisia alone, according to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum's website.

It wasn't until 1944 when the Air Force started again with strategic bombings of urban areas in Japan. This was the start of the U.S. attacks on the Japanese island. The Air Force used long-range B-29 bombers to attack Tokyo and other cities in the area. These bombings killed approximately 750,000 Japanese civilians, according to Air Force Museum.

In the same year on June 6, the British and American troops had one of the most important victories when capturing the Normandy coast line on the so-called D-Day. Throughout a 50 mile long stretch on the coast line, troops from Canada, UK, and the U.S. used amphibious landing vehicles to access the beach under heavy gunfire.

In the late evening on May 8 of 1945, the head of Nazi Germany's armed forces signed the instrument of surrender in Berlin. It was signed with the Supreme High Command of the Red Army and U.S. and French representatives as witnesses.

While the war on the European continent was officially over, Japan refused to sign the unconditional surrender and the Pacific War continued. The Allies countries continued a firebombing campaign on Japan that destroyed 67 cities. The United States continued and dropped two nuclear bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki on Aug. 6 and 9 of 1945. This remains the only use of nuclear weapons in warfare history.

It took Japan until Aug. 15, six days after the bombing on Nagasaki and the Soviet declaration of war against Japan, until Japan announced its surrender. On Sept. 2, Japan signed the instrument of surrender that effectively ended World War II.

The outcome of Pearl Harbor turned out to have a huge impact in the history. The attack did not only get the United States involved in a war in the Pacific, but also on the European continent to support their allies. Many people look back at this scenario and question whether there could have been a more peaceful outcome that could have saved many lives.

"I think it's always fun to go down the rabbit hole and think what might have been, but I think that there probably would have been some other aggressive action by Japan in the Pacific that would have gotten us involved, so instead of December 7, 1941, a different day would be living in infamy," said Orlando.

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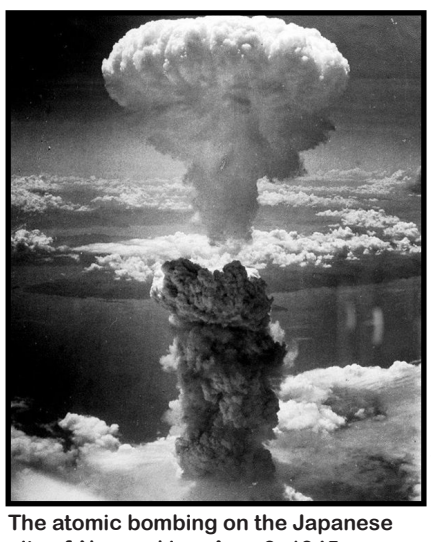
The B-29 bomber was used by the American Air Force in World War II.



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The atomic bombing on the Japanese city of Nagasaki on Aug. 9, 1945 produced a mushroom cloud rising to about 11 miles.

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Post-Election Protest

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In just five days following the election of Donald Trump, thousands of individuals have turned out to protest in at least 52 cities across the country, according to *The New York Times*.

In fact, in days following Election Day on Nov. 8, protests have gone so far as to have interstate highways shut down in cities, such as Minneapolis and Denver. In Denver, in particular, "Police said demonstrators made their way onto the freeway and traffic was halted in the northbound and southbound lanes for about a half-hour," according to *USA Today*.

Also, the protests have spread to college campuses, such as on the Texas A&M campus, and even to high schoolers, some whom are not old enough to cast a vote.

In New York, hundreds of protesters who were relatively young gathered nearby Trump Tower for a second night in a row expressing their anger over the results of the election. The organizers are too young to vote yet they decided to make it known that they want to inspire young people to voice their opinions and make it known the youth can still shape the future, as *USA Today* reported. In fact, organizer Elijah Newman, of Brooklyn who is only 16, stood and protested to make the protestors voices were heard.

"We've got to protest … It's not just Donald Trump — it's the system of education," said Newman, according to *USA Today*. "New York City is like a megaphone to the entire world. It's important that we're protesting here because it will inspire and influence other people to start protesting."

They were not the only group of young people who decided to protest following the election, either. In Oakland, Ca., *Berkeleyside* reported that, at Berkeley High School, about 1,500 students walked out of classes Wednesday morning, the day following election night, towards Sproul Plaza on the UC Berkeley campus chanting, "He's not our president, he's not our president." At the location students had an open mic where they showed support for undocumented students and "demanded the teaching of African American and Native American history, as well as gay rights history, among other things," according to *Berkeleyside*. Also, *ABC7News* reported that on the morning of Nov. 10, two days following election, in San Francisco, more than 1,000 students walked out of their respective schools across the city headed to the Civic Center to engage in a peaceful protest, according to a tweet from the San Francisco Unified School District (SFUSD).

"We recognize our students' right to free speech and understand their need to use it. The walkout this morning was not authorized by SFUSD staff," said SFUSD district officials. "Per our standard protocol, we will be notifying families regarding their unexcused absence through our attendance system." However, not all protestors were peaceful. In fact, *USA Today* reported 4,000 protestors gathered in downtown Portland chanting "we reject the president elect," with some of these protestors getting violent, just three nights following the election. Some smashed windows of business, vandalized 19 cars at a dealership and started dumpster fire, according to *USA Today*. The protestors were reported to travel while vandalizing the properties, from Northeast Portland where they vandalized the cars crossing the Broadway Bridge to the Pearl District, where they smashed the businesses' windows. In the midst of the protest, officers arrested 26 individuals after the officers ordered the protestors to disperse after their protesting turned in what the police referred to as a riot, claiming "extensive criminal and dangerous behavior." Along with making arrests, police officers attempted to restrain the crowd with pepper spray and flash-bang devices and even "types of smoke or tear gas," reported *USA Today*. Portland's violent protest resulted in more than $1 million in damages, as the *Portland Patch* reported. Also, the *Portland Patch* reported that 112 people were arrested; however, many of these protested didn't actually voted, with 73 being registered to vote in the state and 34 actually casting a ballot, meaning that only one-third of those arrested in this protest actually voted.

Another violent protest was in Oakland, California, on the night following election, with some protestors throwing "Molotov cocktails, rocks and fireworks at police," resulting in 3 police officers being injured, as a police spokesperson, Johnna Watson, reported to *CNN*. Also, these violent protest resulted in 40 fires from simple trash fires to business located downtown being set on fire. Also, *CNN* reported that "By Thursday morning, emergency workers extinguished about 40 fires."

"Throughout the evening, the large group splintered into smaller groups that began vandalizing numerous businesses in the downtown area," Oakland police said, according to *CNN*.

As a result of the alleged violence from protestors, *CNN* reported that the police arrested at least 30 individuals and issued 11 citations for "vandalism, assaulting officers, unlawful assembly, failure to disperse and possession of a firearm."

Photo from @CharlesClarke81

Chicago is one of the cities with anti-Trump protesting. In fact, some Chicago protestors marched from Federal Plaza to Trump Towers on Nov. 19 to protest Trump's election.

Barack Obama, the former president of the United States, commented on the protestors at a joint news conference with German Chancellor Angela Merkel on Nov. 10, while stating that protesting is a part of democracy.

"I would not advise people who feel strongly or are concerned about some of the issues that have been raised during the course of the campaign — I wouldn't advise them to be silent," said Obama. "What I would advise — what I advised before the election and what I will continue to advise after the election — is that elections matter, voting matters, organizing matters, being informed on the issues matter."

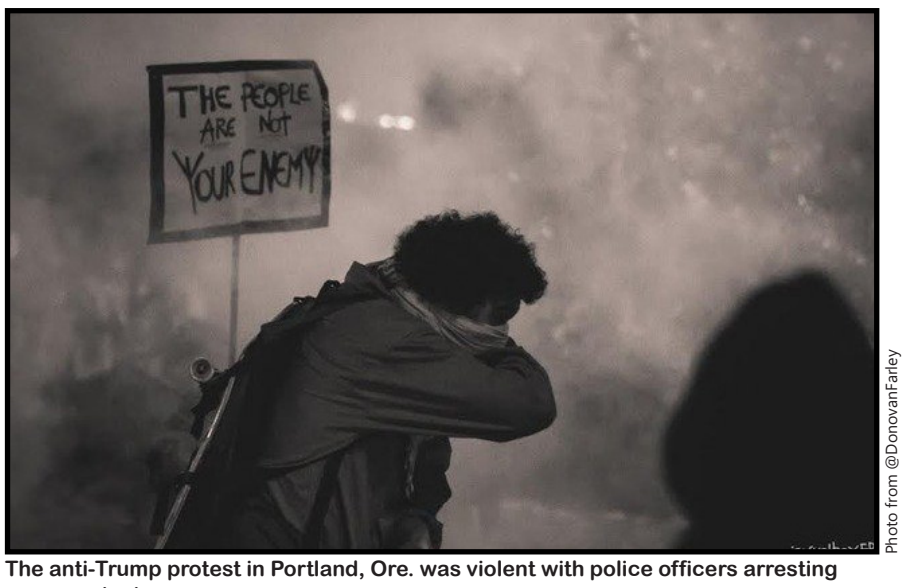
Many other people have an opinion on protesting, like Jonathan Chan Jon Chu, a junior majoring in Accounting and Economics. Chan Jon Chu comments on whether he would protest and his opinion on others protesting and how they decide to protest, for example, by going to the extent to burn the American flag.

"I would protest just like my forefathers to bring in the right change that our country needs because in this time, America needs it most," said Chan Jon Chu. "I understand that anger they feel seeing someone like Trump win the election but … I don't [agree with] people setting a fire to what our forefathers stood tall and steady to build up for."

However, some people have turned to joining grass root organizations instead of protesting whether peacefully or violently. In fact, American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), an organization geared towards protecting civil liberties, reported on their page they have a rush of new members, with their Facebook followers increasing 25 percent to nearly one million people. Also, 150,000 new people joined their e-mail list. Additionally, they received approximately 120,000 donations, equaling more than $7.2 million in donations. This was the greatest outpouring the organization had ever in their 100 year existence, greater than the outpouring following 9/11.

People's interest in the organization was evident the day following elections. In fact, the influx of donations crashed ACLU's donation webpage on Nov. 9, the day following the election.

"The surge was an over 7,000% increase to our donate link, " ACLU spokesperson Gabriela Melendez told *BuzzFeed News* said. "It's hard to say how long it was down for and we're trying to pull dollars and gift numbers. Our system is extremely overwhelmed with all of the hits we're getting."



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The anti-Trump protest in Portland, Ore. was violent with police officers arresting some protestors.

Arts & Entertainment

"WATCH_DOGS 2:" A Second Chance for a Doomed Series

By Michael Goodeaux
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While Ubisoft occasionally produces a really good game that sells millions of copies, they have an overall bad reputation with gamers, becoming the butt of internet memes and jokes. 2014's "WATCH_DOGS" was no different, as it was a very ambitious game that felt incomplete and lacking in several areas, including story variety, character depth, and flawed gameplay mechanics.

Because of its predecessor's failure, many gamers were hesitant about pre-ordering "WATCH_DOGS 2," which was first announced at Ubisoft's E3 event earlier this year. As a result, overall sales were down as gamers held out for game critics to offer their opinions.

While many expected "WATCH_DOGS 2" to be a terrible game, it was actually better than anticipated. Developers at Ubisoft had obviously taken notes on what was wrong with the first game and made every attempt to fix them.

The game takes place in San Francisco, California in the present day. From the very first tutorial mission, players can see an almost 180-degree turn in the atmosphere of this game from the first. Where the first game had a very dreary environment with a character who was bent solely on revenge, "WATCH_DOGS 2" presents an almost comedic, satirical atmosphere. Massive corporations like Google and Facebook are replaced with Nudle and !NVITE, respectively.

The game has a surprising amount of character depth, and not just from the protagonist this time. Marcus, an up-and-coming hacker going by the code name Retr0, has it out for Blume, which fans of the series will recognize as the creator of ctOS. The program is built to keep track of everyone's activities and whereabouts, as well as maintain a record of criminal records and predict crimes before they happen. Marcus was jailed for a crime that he had not committed yet, and thus has it out for the company behind the system.

Dedsec, the hacker group that Marcus joins at the very start of the game, consists of several supporting characters, all of which are very dynamic and are given intricate backstories as the main story progresses. Dialogue from the characters seem unique to their personalities and accurate with the time period. While most developers are behind on modern day "slang" and internet culture, "WATCH_DOGS 2" hits both right on the mark.

Most gamers have compared the game to "Grand Theft Auto V," and while they do share some strikingly similar themes and gameplay mechanics, both have very distinct differences. For example, the campaign for "Grand Theft Auto" and its staple online multiplayer mode are completely separate. In "WATCH_DOGS 2," they're integrated. While exploring the world or completing story missions, gamers are likely to encounter other players who can either help them in their exploits in passing or hack them to earn in-game money and points.

In a modern-day industry where the standard is to remove huge chunks of a game and sell them off as downloadable content packs, or DLCs, the base game for "WATCH_DOGS 2" provides enough activities for players to enjoy for hundreds of hours. Hundreds of story missions and side missions are available for players to enjoy, as well as mini-games such as go-kart racing, random enemy spawn areas, and collectibles scattered across the game world that award skins for cars, guns, and drones.

While "WATCH_DOGS 2" has a season pass available, with future DLCs lined up, it seems very optional to buy it. Some games, like Bungie's hit sci-fi shooter "Destiny," have so much content cut out and make it mandatory to buy the DLC or season pass in order to even play the game at all. The DLC for "WATCH_DOGS 2" includes additional clothing options for Marcus, vehicle skins, and more side missions.

The game promised that players would have the choice of how to complete a mission, instead of shoving the stealth approach down gamer's throats, and it definitely came through on the promise. The amount of ways you can complete a mission is almost overwhelming. Aside from the traditional stealth or "guns blazing" approaches, you can also call in the police or local gang members to shoot up or arrest your enemies, then go in with no opposition, or perhaps send in a flying or rolling drone to recon or quickly get past locked doors.

While sales for the game aren't doing so well, it is a game that many players should add to their Christmas list, as it is a hidden gem that keeps up and surpasses a lot of the promises it made.

"WATCH_DOGS 2" is available now for PC, PlayStation 4, and XBOX One.

Photo by Michael Goodeaux

San Francisco in "WATCH_DOGS 2" is a very large place with a lot of hidden nooks to explore.

Photo by Michael Goodeaux

"WATCH_DOGS 2" focuses heavily on the artistic nature of San Francisco.

Arts & Entertainment

Make America Punk Again

By Travis Farmer
Contributing Writer

On the night of Nov. 17, five of the forefront bands in the pop-punk scene came to The Ritz Ybor in Ybor City. The Wonder Years, Real Friends, Knuckle Punk, Moose Blood, and Seaway all visited Tampa for a stellar 5 hour show as one of the final stops on the 30 show fall tour.

Seaway opened up first, but unfortunately, they started their set before the whole line was completely inside. As such, these emo pop-punk giants had the smallest crowd of the night, yet this allowed the most intimate part of the show for people who weren't buying merchandise or getting drinks before the other bands started. Seaway's set was very brief, yet impactful. The set was only seven songs long, and as could be heard in the crowd, was all but one songs from their newest album that is relatively unknown. However, this allowed for many people to listen to some of their newer material for the first time, and hopefully allowed some people to buy their album after their set.

Following a lengthy setup, emo newcomers, Moose Blood started their excellent show. In stark contrast to Seaway, Moose Blood filled the room for their eight-song set that included material from all of their albums. Coming all the way from England, Moose Blood is a smaller and newer band but is only a few years from truly erupting to the heights of giants like Real Friends or Modern Baseball. One complaint that could be heard from some viewers is that Moose Blood has a relatively softer and slower feeling to their songs, but this could be seen as a good thing, as it made an even bigger leap to high energy Knuckle Puck followed.

Illinois pop-punk giants, Knuckle Puck, created an excellent half step between smaller Moose Blood and the much larger Real Friends by giving off a ten song long set of amazingly energetic songs with themes that had the crowd going crazy. This is the point where the show swapped from a standing concert to a dancing event, with much of the closer crowd getting even more energetic. Knuckle Puck's set list left nothing to be desired and exuded pure energy before the show could be slowed down just slightly to the next band.

Following Knuckle Puck, fellow Illinois band, Real Friends showed why they have the gigantic following that they do. Thirteen songs, which only five of were from their newest album, proved to everyone in the room that Real Friends is truly the emo giant that their fans market them as. Vocalist Dan Lambton lead the show, offering many in-between speeches and many entertaining movements on stage. Offering not just music, this is also the point in the show where the venue turned the lights show on, allowing for a multitude of colors behind the band members on stage. As Lambton sang the last line and said thank you, the lights went dark and stayed dark until The Wonder Years came out, only a few minutes later.

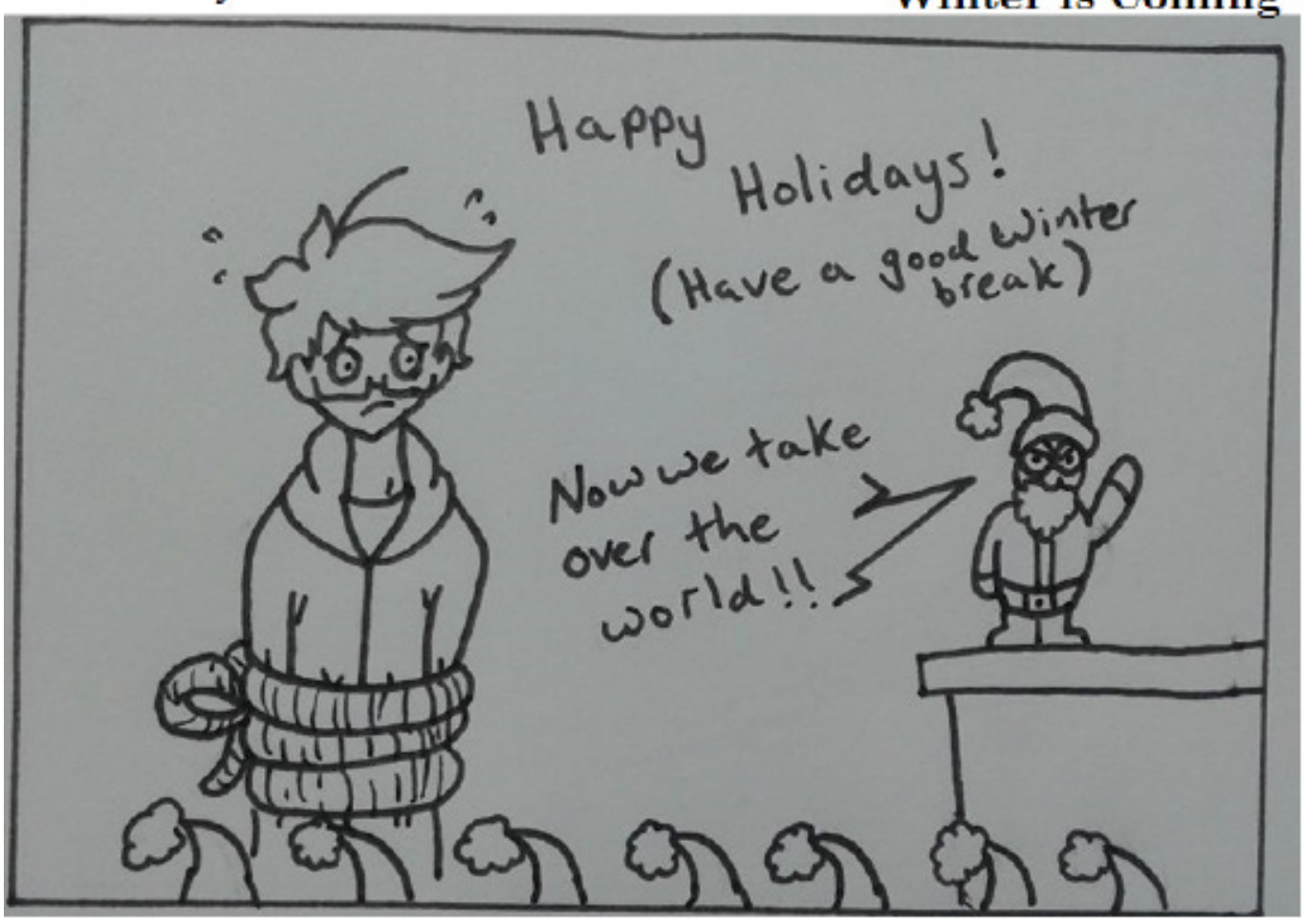
The Wonder Year's blistering 18 song set truly proved why they are the biggest names in pop punk right now, and why their name is the biggest one on the tour poster. Every band on the tour can cite The Wonder Years as an influence, and they showed why in this show. Opening on a soft note with the lights only on the singer, Dan "Soupy" Campbell, he opened into a very soft song that eventually became a huge show that would only be fitting of a band with six members. The band played a perfect mix of their greatest hits from all five of their albums and truly performed a wondrous show that involved lights, balloons, beach balls, confetti, two drum sets, and multiple guitar changes. The entire show was dedicated to a friend of the band, who many of the songs on their newest album are also dedicated to or about. The Wonder Years exhibited why they are a band to be inspired by, with their superb vocals, lyrics, and stage presence. Anyone who likes the genre of pop-punk can at least tolerate The Wonder Years, and this tour and concert just encapsulates why.

The show was performed at the historic 99-year-old Ritz Ybor, in the middle of Tampa and Ybor City. Parking was plentiful, with three parking garages surrounding the venue, and security was plentiful, allowing people as young as thirteen to feel safe as late as midnight. One of the only complaints heard was that the only non-21 beverage available was a five dollar bottle of water; however, that is pretty standard regarding a concert venue that size.

All in all, this show perfectly captured what the genres of punk and emo are all about, allowing a night of pure fun with some of the greatest bands in the industry. This tour has been cited by Soupy Campbell of The Wonder Year's as his favorite he's ever been on, even after headlining the massive Warped Tour for several years. This tour was a once in a lifetime opportunity, and hopefully, a lineup as good can return to The Ritz again.

College Days

Created by Austin Chiavaroli **"Winter is Coming"**



Sports

Saint Leo Hosts First National Championship in School History

By Niclas Bez
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On Nov. 19, Saint Leo University was able to welcome the thirty-two best Cross Country Teams and the best individuals in Division II for the National Championship. From Alaska, Hawaii, over Michigan and many other states, the best runners from all 312 Division II institutions made their way to Florida to crown their champions.

On Nov. 5, the Saint Leo men's and women's cross country teams qualified on the same course where the National place took place. After winning the previous year, the men were able to place second behind Lee University from Tennessee, while the women placed second as well behind Puerto Rico.

The event started with the championship banquet place that took place at the Busch Gardens theme park. With the help of the Tampa Bay sports Commission as a co-host, the organizational team around Michael Madagan was able to get this great venue. The opening word was held in the big auditorium of the theme park, before the athletes and coaches were able to have dinner in the Serengeti overlook. After dinner, while the park was already closed for normal visitors, the participants had exclusive access to multiple rollercoasters and other activities in the park.

Photo by Jennifer Litzen

The Men's Team pushed the pace from the very beginning of the race.

The morning after the banquet, athletes came to the Abbey Golf course across from the University campus, where the race was to take place. The Saint Leo organization staff took days to set up, fence, and mark the course perfectly for the championship race.

The men's 10 kilometer race started at 8:30 am with chilly temperatures as the sun was rising above the golf course. Senior Rafal Matuszczak was the best Saint Leo runner in 39th, while earning the first All-American award in program history. Senior Niclas Bez was the second Saint Leo Runner, while the Juniors Anthony Deleva and Joseph Fuller, and Senior Adam Urbanik round up the team result. The Lions were in 19th position until Freshman and SSC Runner of the year Ronald Cheserek dropped out of the race and the Lions finished in 27th place.

"This was a great day for our veterans and a learning experience for our rookies. Rafal ran the best race he has ever run wearing the Green and Gold. To earn All-America status in his final year, and to be the first in our program's history, is truly remarkable," said Kent Reiber, Saint Leo's head Men's and Women's cross country coach.

The best men's team of the day was Adams State University from Colorado, followed by Grand Valley State University. Missouri Southern State sophomore Vincent Kiprop won the individual national championship, after posting a winning time of 29:07.4. Last year's individual champion, Shorter University's Alfred Chelanga, was second with a mark of 29:36.3.

The women's started closely after the men at 9:45 with the temperatures rising, which was about to play a role in the race. Saint Leo junior Colett Rampf had a stand-out performance and earned her second All-American in a row finishing 14th out of the 240 runners. Rampf who already earned SSC runner and South Regional runner of the year awards this season topped her finish from last year, where she got 23rd at the National Meet.

Sophomores Alyssa Bayliff and Laura Tobin improved their result from the last year, with two Juniors Lauren Csubak and Haley Russel rounding up the team result for the Lions. In the end, their performances were good enough for 25th place, which marks the best result for the women's team in the program history.

"Colett continues to make her name known at the national level. From my recollection, this is the best finish by any women's runner out of the South Region, and to be able to accomplish that feat on our home course is tremendous. To do what she has done for two years in a row… all I can say is that I'm extremely proud of her, and we're looking forward to a great spring building off this success," Coach Reiber said.

On the Women's side it came to a two-way battle between Grand Valley State University from Michigan and Adams State University. Grand Valley State senior Kendra Foley took individual national championship after posting a winning time of 20:01.8. She was nearly 25 seconds ahead of the second-place finisher, University of Mary (N.D.) junior Alexis Zeis. Foley's individual win was important to help her team win the team Championship in front of Adams State.

Overall, it was a great opportunity for Saint Leo's athletic department to host the first National Championship. The event helped the athletic programs with positive publicity and showed that Saint Leo is able to host big NCAA events.

Sophomore Alyssa Bayliff had stand-out performances at the Regional and National meets.

Photos by Jennifer Litzen

Both the Men's and Women's teams eagerly awaited their fourth consecutive show at the National meet.

Upcoming Games For the Week of 12/2/16 - 12/9/16

W Basketball

12/3: Vs Barry 2:00 PM
12/6: Vs Ave Maria 5:30 PM
12/10: @ Eckerd 2:00 PM

M Basketball

12/3: Vs Barry 4:00 PM
12/10: @ Eckerd 4:00 PM